



A Monthly Guide  
for the Home Gardener

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# Garden Hints

This publication is dedicated to promotion of finer and better Gardening for all of our Customers of Record, based on our 30 years of Practical Gardening Experience.

SPRING IS HERE NOW, AND MANY PROBLEMS ARISE AT THIS TIME. THESE COMMENTS ARE IMPORTANT NOW.

1. Of the newer strides ahead for better Lawns, we have developed our Exclusive CRAB GRASS Eradication process, which is sure death for the seeds of this pest before growth starts in the spring.
2. The next great cultural help in promoting better turf is AERIFYING SERVICE. Take out small plugs 6" apart. The plugs should be  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in diameter and 3" deep. The advantage is that the loose-walled openings allow water to stay with the Lawn; it will also hold fertilizer, seeds and other applications better. The plugs can be used for topdressing, thus eliminating that expense. However, a small amount of Peat Moss is excellent to fill the holes for permanent absorbency. Then our Minnehaha Brand Lawn Seed should be applied with Grass Grower Plant Food.
3. Our Verticut Service is also new and very good. Actually it does away with top dressing of Black Soil, which is often infested with Crab Grass Seed. Many short knives hit the ground and work a small amount of soil up, enough for seed germination. This also eliminates FUNGUS DISEASE and matted conditions in the Lawn. If Peat Moss is applied with the Fertilizer, Seed and Fungicide may all be worked in at one time. Soil Topdressing raises the Lawn level, not always desirable.
4. Bent Lawns have a tendency to grow "TOO THICK". A verticutting once a year takes care of that.
5. Lawn, grass and trees can live together when the right kind of seed is used. We recommend our CERTIFIED FESCUE GRASS for that and also for banks and boulevards. Aerifying is an ideal treatment under trees and on boulevards. Trees use a lot of water, so make it stay with the tree and also benefit the grass. Trees and the turf must be fed, so be liberal with the fertilizer. In summer give them an extra dose of RAPIDGRO during the hot spell. This is a liquid fertilizer.
6. Lawn seed is best applied in the very early spring, on the last snow or right after is ideal. Use our EXCLUSIVE MINNEHAHA BRAND LAWN SEED, grown especially for us at NORTHERN GARDENS. You may mix it with the fertilizer and apply it. Our store prepares this mix for better than 75% of our customers. It is a very good procedure, also, to mix a can of good Fungicide in for protection of the seeds against Fungus. 50% Captain or Terzah is ideal for that. You may rake it in with a LEAF Broom or Verticut. Early application is the important thing for success.
7. Lawn grass is much more susceptible to Fungus disease when overdoses of Nitrogen Fertilizer has been used. DON'T USE IT. Use our GRASS GROWER, which is a balanced Fertilizer 8-8-6, and which will give the plant food for building up all organs in the grass plant.
8. A seeded lawn is the most perfect lawn. Sod is COW pasture, containing almost anything, and must in any case be built up afterward. So why not choose the CHEAPER and BETTER way by seeding?
9. Many customers ask if freezing of lawn seed BEFORE germination hurts the seed. It does not. It is very beneficial. Early seeding is Nature's way and always the best.
10. Does seed sometimes wash away from Rain, Sprinkling, etc.? What to do about it is a question commonly asked at our store. We have for years used the policy of covering the area with burlap bags for a week, after which the seed is up in perfect condition and ALL OF THE SEEDS GROW. Now we also have a Nylon Covering which can be rolled over the area, and used time after time. It is a most rewarding way to protect the seed. It can be rented for use.
11. The MINNEHAHA BRAND LAWN MIXTURE is particularly a TURF MAKER of a very permanent nature.
12. Many annual flowers should be started indoors now. Visit our very large selection of Flower Seeds and do not forget to explore NEW VARIETIES. Ask which are the most outstanding, exquisite ones.
13. Starting a perennial flower from seed is a most fascinating venture. Be sure to try at least some of the better choice perennial flowers. We have special Soil Mixtures for starting them with Peat Moss, Lime, Bonemeal, and fertilizers added in proper proportion.

14. We ran so pitifully short of our famous HYBRID CLEMATIS last year. This year we have them, but please order them early. The President, Lord Neville, Ramona, Lady Betty Balfour, Henrui, and Montana Undulata, are a riot of color. The unusual Texensis and Crispa are not to be forgotten. It would be a tragedy to miss the great experience with these fine Vines. Some customers failed in their efforts, they reported. Clematis requires a special soil. We have that particular mixture and it pays to dig out the poor soil and replace it with this mixture. They like alkaline soil. Some lime must be used. Good drainage is a must. Peat moss for water absorption and compost with fertilizer for plant food. DON'T GIVE UP!

15. TREE PEONIES. Interested in something different? Try Tree Peonies from Japan. They are not used too much here. Not because they aren't adapted, but simply because they have not been introduced.

16. Have you started your Tuberous Begonias yet? If not, now is the time. They can be potted and started in a box for early bloom. You should mix half peat moss with bone meal. We have it here.

17. How about Fancy Leaved CALADIUMS. They are most ornamental and so very different. They will grow in the shade, semishade or full sun. They should be started now - in same type of soil as Begonias.

18. DAHLIA and GLADIOLUS should be used liberally. For cut flowers, there is nothing like Glads, and our superb Holland Bulbs. They are treated for Thrips, too. Dahlias planted in the back of Chrysanthemums, makes a beautiful sight in the fall. DON'T MISS IT!

19. May we call your attention to other bulbs that are very much worth your time. Pink and white Calla Lilies, Ismene and Montbreties, Oxalis and Panunculus, Regal Lilies and Rubrum, Tigridies and Tuberoses, Zepheranthus, and many, many others. Some day I will treat them in this little bulletin in detail.

20. ROSES - We have a great variety of these and no finer plants have been ever introduced. Prepare the soil with RICH beds. Rotted manure, peat moss, bonemeal and rich soil are musts for roses

21. Of the newest in Flowering Shrubs, try ABELIA GRANDIFLORA, and AZALIA MOLLIS. A little tender but what a display of color, and glossy leaves.

22. In a week we hope you will all be as busy as we are and if you have any problems in your gardening, be sure to bring them to the BIGGEST LITTLE NURSERY AND SEED STORE in the Twin Cities, at 4720 Hiawatha Ave. and good luck. Take care of yourselves for you are important.

Oluf Thomsen

## THOMSEN'S BENT SEED KILLS CRAB GRASS & WEEDS

## THOMSEN'S *Garden Hints*

THOMSEN'S NURSERY & SEED STORE  
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### FREE ADVISORY LAWN INSPECTION SERVICE

During the summer we will, upon appointment, inspect your lawn and landscaping, estimate your needs, if any. This service was mighty popular last year. No selling connected with it.

MAKE USE OF IT ! !

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### Shade Trees

Shade trees are very important, therefore choosing the best trees for your particular ground is of utmost significance. Consult with us as to the exact location for the trees, the kind of trees, and possible contrast in color of foliage and bark. Many of our trees are potted and easy to transplant for the Home Owner himself, without taking a chance of losing them. The same is true of Shrubs and Roses.

American Elm - from \$3 -\$4 to	\$12.00
Ash (Fraxinus) - from \$3 -\$4 to	12.00
Cutleaf Birch, finest of all	9.50
Native Birch from \$2 to \$3 to larger amount.	
Single or in cluster of three and more.	
Mountain Ash, Red Berries	12.00
Sugar Maple, potted	9.50
Norway Maple, potted	12.00
Schwendlers Maple, Red leaf, potted	12.00
Crimson King Maple, potted	12.00
Soft Maple, fast grower	12.00

There are many more good trees and the price varies according to size and age.

### Flowering Crabs

The value of the fine flowering trees is an acknowledged fact. Everybody loves them. They take only 8' to 10' room in diameter and are up to 12 feet high. They are most ornamental.	
Hopa Crab, pink	\$3.50
Dolga Crab, white	3.50
Eleyi Crab, deep red	3.50
Almey Crab, said to be the finest	4.50
Red Silver Crab, red leaves and blooms	3.50

### Clematis Vines

Jackmani, purple, very popular	
Ramona, blue, very large and showy	
Ernest Markman, red, rose, lavender	
Lord Neville, real dark lavender	
Madam Andree, reddish pink	
The President, dark purple	
Henrii, very large, white, showy	
Nelly Moser, very large veins, lavender	
Montana Rubens, pink, robust grower	
Montana Undulata, pink, popular	
aniculata, fall blooming, white	
Duches of Edinburgh, double white	
Texensis, vivid red, different, bellshaped	
Crispa, lavender, different, bellshaped	

We have several more varieties and definitely the largest selection in the area of the rarer types. They are most showy and grow at least 3 to 4 varieties. Best three of one color together.

From \$1.25 to \$2.50 depending on size

### Fungicide and Insecticide - Pest Control

The selection of these items is very large. It is most important that the right KIND and the most EFFECTIVE ingredients are being used. May we highly recommend that you consult us about your particular problem. Much money can be wasted by selecting the wrong kind and the wrong proportion.

Chlordane, night crawlers	4 lbs - \$1.80
Aramite, red spiders	4 oz. - 1.00
Domite, red spiders	bottle - 1.98
Terzan, Fungicide, lawns	1.25
Captain, Fungicide, general	1.50
Rotenone, Dust, vegetable	.95
Kolo for Fruit Trees	1.15
Isotox Garden Spray	2.95
D.D.T. Insecticide	.65
Arsenate of Lead, Insecticide	1.80
Fermate, Fungicide	1.00
Dupont Combination Spray	.95

### Soil Conditioner

Krillium, very good	5 lbs.- \$4.95
Krillium	1 lb. cannister - 1.25
Ortho Tiller	1.00
Terra Tex., liquid	2.50
Peat Moss, Thomsen Compost, Manure, dry or regular, Vermiculite are extra fine as soil conditioners and physically speaking, improve the ground for many years to come. They add fertility, too.	

### Liquid Fertilizers

These are getting increasingly popular. They are easy to apply and the results are quick. They are especially good in very hot weather when the plants have a hard time surviving. They are fed through the water hose with a HOZON or Sprayer.

Rapidgro, 5 lbs. 23-21-17	\$4.50
Rapidgro, 2 lbs. 23-21-17	2.35
Rapidgro, 1 lb.	1.25
Instant Vigoro, 1 lb. 19-28-14	1.25
Folium, 1 lb. 20-20-20	1.25

New ones are constantly appearing. The results are generally the same according to the exact analysis.

### Lawn Seed and Fertilizer Spreaders

Vaughan's 14-inch, only	\$8.50
Vaughan's, 16-inch	10.50
Vaughan's, 24-inch	17.50

These are fine spreaders. They are made of stainless steel so they will not rust like the ordinary type. It pays in the long run.

This small list consists of some of the most important items, but we have many more. Whatever your problem, consult with the BIGGEST LITTLE GARDEN STORE in the Twin Cities.

**PRICES ON LAWN MATERIALS OF THOMSEN CERTIFIED LAWN PRODUCTS,  
FERTILIZERS AND SEEDS-SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE**

Certified	Topdressing	Soil - 2 yds.	\$8.00,	3 yds.	
\$10.50,	4 yds.	\$13.50,	5 yds.	\$15.50,	6 yds.
\$18.00					

**Lawn Fertilizers**

Grass Grower - 100 lbs.	8-8-6	\$5.50
Grass Grower - 50 lbs.	8-8-6	2.95
Loma Lawn Fertilizer - 100 lbs.	5-10-5	4.85
Loma Lawn Fertilizer - 50 lbs.	5-10-5	2.55
Milorganite, organic - 80 lbs.	5-4-0	3.95
Milorganite, organic - 40 lbs.	5-4-0	2.35
Sheep Manure - 50 lb. Bag		2.15
Sheep Manure - 25 lb. Bag		1.25
Cow Manure - 50 lbs. -	\$2.95	25 lbs. - \$1.95
Lawn Lime - 50 lbs. -	\$1.20	10 lbs. - \$.50
Rotted manure - 1 yd. del.	\$6.00,	2 yds. \$11.00,
3 yds. \$16.00, 4 yds. \$20.00, 5 yds. \$23.00		
German Peat Moss - \$6.00 -	Delivered \$6.50	
Bonemeal - 100 lbs.	\$7.50,	25 lbs. \$2.85, 10 lbs. \$1.35 - The finest Plant Food for flowers.

Blue Ribbon Astoria Grass Seed, Thomsen Certified Minnehaha Brand - 1 lb. \$1.85, 2 lbs. \$3.65, 3 lbs. \$5.45, 5 lbs. \$9.15, 10 lbs. \$17.95. This is the finest of all Lawn Seed, velvety rich.

Thomsen Certified Minnehaha Brand - Special Blend All perennial seeds - 1 lb. \$1.65, 2 lbs. \$3.25, 3 lbs. \$4.85, 5 lbs. \$7.95, 10 lbs. \$15.95, 25 lb. and larger amounts accordingly.

Vaughan's Merion Blue Grass 40%  
3 lbs. \$7.75. Other amounts accordingly.

Thomsen 100% Merion Blue Grass - 1 lb. \$4.50

Thomsen Certified Red Fescue - 1 lb. \$1.45

Thomsen Certified Poa Trivialis - 1 lb. \$1.65

Both above highly recommended for shady spots, banks and boulevards. Ask for free estimate.

Thomsen Certified White Clover - 1 lb. \$1.35

**Bulbs**

Tuberous Begonias - 3 for \$1.00 -- In many different varieties -- should be planted soon.

Gladiolus direct from Holland, in many varieties and exquisite colors - \$.95 to \$1.25 per dozen.

Fancy-Leaved Caladiums in a riot of color

3 for \$1.00

Ismenes, Tuberoses, Ranuncules and many other rare bulbs as well as Lilies.

**Roses**

Queen Elizabeth, pink	\$2.75
Circus, the year's A.A. Rose	2.50
Chrysler Imperial, red	2.50
First Love, pink	2.25
Independence, red	1.75
Summer Snow, white, floribunda	1.50
Peace, yellow	2.50
Lillibet - pink, Carousel - red, Tallyho - multi, Sleigh Bells - white, Diamond Jubilee - dull peach, Henry Guillot, Lowell Thomas - yellow, Nocturne - red - and many, many more.	2.00

Newer SHRUBS of the finer types	
Abelia Grandiflora, glossy, pink	\$4.50
Clethra Alternifolia	2.50
Azalia Mcllis, orange	3.50
Forsythea, Spring Glory	2.50
Honeysuckle, Blue, Kowalkowi	2.50
Tamerix, Summer Glow, pink	3.50
Ligustrum aurea, Golden	2.50
Ligustrum lodiensis, dwarf	2.50
Philadelphus Aurea, very good	2.50
Blue Leaf Willow, dwarf	2.50
Berberis atropurpura, crimson	2.50
Caryopteris, blue, dwarf, fall	2.00
Cornus variegated, contrasting	2.50
Cotoneaster Intergerrima	2.50
Phil Virginal, fragrant	2.50
Ligustrum Regalianum	2.50
Prunus triloba, pink, spring	3.50
Ginnala Maple, fall coloring	3.50
Cistina Plum, purple foliage	2.50
Blue berries, cultivated	2.75
Our variety of shrubs is so great that we recommend stopping at the store for full information	

**Evergreens**

Blue Spruce	\$7.00 to \$20.00
Blue Heaven Junipers	up to 12.00
Arborvitae Pyramidalis	12.00
Globe Arborvitae	from \$6.00 to 12.00
Pfitzers Juniper, spreader	9.50
Savins Juniper, rich green	9.50
Andorra Juniper, very dwarf	9.50
Japanese Yews, spreaders	\$10.00 to 12.00
Black Hill Spruce,	\$5.00 to 12.00
White Spruce	\$5.00 to 12.00
Pines, Austrian - 5' to 6'	15.00
Pines, Norway - 5' to 6'	15.00
Mugho Pine, potted	9.50

The finest of all flowering shrubs is Weigelia, Bristol Ruby, Everblooming Shrub, most outstanding	\$2.50
Weigelia Vaneciki, crimson	2.50
Weigelia Rosea, pink	2.50
Weigela Variagata, rose	2.50
Weigelia alba aurea, yellow	2.50

These plants are a MUST in any garden.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

We very highly recommend the use of Horticultural Peat Moss for any planting. Mix the soil with one-fourth Peat Moss and you will see a very distinct difference. We hardly ever lose any plants planted by us when this process is used. It induces FINE, FIBROUS ROOTS and holds the moisture.